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Community News

DRAKE CHAVEZ GREENBELT



All the properties to complete the 25 acre Drake Chavez Greenbelt are either owned by the City or now in escrow. The Greenbelt stretches from the intersection of Anaheim Street and Daisy Avenue to the west end of Drake Park, then heads southward along the LA River under the 6th Street offramp and 7th Street onramp to Chavez Park. The public design process will begin as soon as a design firm is under contract. The City conducted an RFP for on-call landscape architecture firms for projects throughout the city, and selected eight firms on Dec 19. The City will ask for proposals from two or three of the on-call firms for improvements to the Drake Chavez Greenbelt and hope to have selected a firm by mid-Feb to mid-March. If you are interested in participating in the public design process, please contact the Office of Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal at 562-570-6919 or email at district1@longbeach.gov.



WEST GATEWAY PROPERTIES

The West Gateway properties include the three blocks on the south side of 3rd Street between Maine and Chestnut. The Lyon project (between Magnolia and Chestnut) is expected to start development of its 265-unit rental project in July. The project will also provide 15,000 square feet of commercial space on Magnolia Avenue. Olson (between Maine and Daisy) and Lennar (between Daisy and Magnolia) are in the process of re-designing their original condominium proposals to reduce density. When ready, the redesigns will come before the public and the RDA Board for approval. Three historic homes in the West Gateway area will be moved to the Willmore community. Once moved and appraised, the homes will be sold. An interest line is set up for inquiries at 562-570-6400.

SEASON FOR NONVIOLENCE

Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal joined Councilmembers Suja Lowenthal, Tonia Reyes Uranga, and Rae Gabelich, to introduce an agenda item designating the 64 days between January 30 and April 4 as "A Season for Nonviolence" on an annual basis. Council passed the proposal unanimously. Season for Nonviolence is an international grassroots celebration of nonviolence during the period between the memorials of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It is the hope that all Long Beach residents can come together to heal, transform, and empower our lives and communities through events and resources encouraging meaningful dialogue. If you are interested in participating in the planning meetings, please contact the Namaste Center at snv@namasteplace.com or 562.980.7610.

CITYWIDE ELECTION ON MAY 1

A citywide election will take place on Tuesday, May 1. The citywide ballot includes several propositions related to Charter Amendment and also includes the Police and Fire Public Safety Oil Production Act. Voters in the Sixth District will also vote for a new Councilmember. The Charter Amendment proposals to be decided by voters include: requiring 2/3 vote (6 votes) for an override of a mayoral veto; creating an Independent Salary Commission, Ethics Commission, and Redistricting Commission; extending term limits for the mayor and council to 3 four year terms; Requiring Parks in Perpetuity; deleting obsolete provisions etc. The Police and Fire Public Safety Oil Production Tax would increase the oil production tax by \$0.25. Proceeds may only be used for police officers and firefighters, and related costs including equipment, facilities and training. For more information, please visit the City Clerk's website at: www.longbeach.gov/cityclerk/elections

Events and Meetings

Saturday, February 10

- Join the Aquarium at a cleanup at Cesar E. Chavez Park in Long Beach! By keeping trash out of our storm drains, you will help reduce ocean pollution. Each participant will receive a free ticket to the Aquarium!! Bags, gloves and a spirit of camaraderie will be provided. Saturday, February 10, 10 am – 12 noon, at Cesar E. Chavez Park, 401 Golden Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90802. For more info: contact the Aquarium at 562.951.1678

Monday, February 12

- Public scoping meeting at Cesar Chavez Park, 401 Golden Avenue, at 7 pm, regarding the proposed container terminal development project at Pier S on Terminal Island. Members of the public are encouraged to provide input on what the EIR should include either in writing or at two public "scoping" hearings scheduled for February 12 and February 22. The Pier S Development Project proposes to construct a 160-acre, environmentally friendly containerized cargo terminal to meet consumer and business trade demands.

Tuesday, February 13

- Learn your rights and responsibilities as a tenant. Hosted by the Wilmore Community Police Center and the Fair Housing Foundation. This workshop will address questions and concerns regarding: fair housing laws, evictions, security deposits, repairs, rent increase, new laws for 2007. Workshop to be held at the Wilmore Community Police Center, 910 Daisy Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90813,

on Tuesday, February 13, 2007. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Teresa Gonzalez at 562-570-1146.

Wednesday, February 21

- Molina Mini Park Community Meeting: share your ideas and comments on your neighborhood park! Resident input is important! Wednesday, February 21, 2007, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, at the West Police Station Community Room, 1835 Santa Fe Avenue, Long Beach. (The Molina Mini Park is located at 1640 W. 20th Street.)

Saturday, February 24

- Willmore Community Cleanup: come work with your neighbors to clean up the neighborhood. Light refreshments will be provided. The cleanup is from 10 am – 1:30 pm. Meet at 640 West 9th Street. For more information, please call Teresa Gonzalez at 562-570-1146.
- 7th & Orange Historic Mural Project: The Craftsman Village Historic District Focus Group and the City of Long Beach Mural and Cultural Arts Program invite you to help scrub and prime a wall in preparation for a mural. Please wear clothes and shoes that paint will not destroy. Cleaning materials and free refreshments will be provided! Meet at 702 Orange Avenue (corner of 7th and Orange), 9 am – 3 pm.

Saturday and Sunday, February 24-25

- Long Beach Bike and Family Festival Weekend: In celebration of the Amgen Tour of California finishing in Long Beach, the City has planned a weekend of exciting events for the community, such as extreme BMX and skateboard demonstrations, fastest wrench competition, bicycle safety checks, helmet decorating, adult tricycle relay, unveiling of Spin Art, and more! The Amgen Tour is America's largest cycling event and includes over 120 of the world's top professional cyclists, many of whom compete in the Tour de France. For more information, please visit www.longbeachcaliforniabiketour.com

Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal hopes to stay in touch with you electronically through e-newsletters. If you wish to be removed from the list, please email rhlee@longbeach.gov with "remove" in the subject line. If you wish to contact the Office of Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal to discuss issues or concerns, please call 562.570.6919 or email district1@longbeach.gov. Thank you.